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Dr Torrey,

Dear Sir,

I have just returned from Albany where I have been to see the Members to shew them the specimens of the Survey as far as done &c. All are in the highest degree pleased and all are very urgent to have the work prosecuted with despatch —

Dr DeKay has one volume out & Bound (the Quadrupeds) Mr Vanuxems report is in the binders hands — Dr DeKay has another Volume nearly ready — Dr Emmons, Beck & Hall & prof. Mather are all in progress

I recd a letter from Mess White this morng with a request that I would drop you a line and let you know that they are at a stand for Copy, & will feel greatly obliged if you will, with as little delay as possible send them what you have ready, as their hands will be out of employ this week

If you will forward a parcel to me for them I will see they get it without delay

I shall be very glad also to get as many of your drawings as possible also to get the letters for those I have, as I wish to make all the progress possible this year —

I suppose you recd the Govr notice

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recently in relation to a "discontinuance of the labors &c" I went up to see what it meant & he said he only meant to notify in order to prevent disappointment that the appropriation was exhausted — that he hoped and expected that all would go on as he had no intention of vetoing the work

There is 5 or 6000$ which he holds in rese for charges on the work which he is liab for and if your balance has not been paid, that is a part of it, — You would have no difficulty in getting it by going to Albany

There is no disposition to curtail or restrict in regard to plates — All desire and intend it shall be complete as possible, and if you will furnish me with materials I will have you 100 more plat finished before a word can be said — It rests solely with you —

I have very nearly finished Dr DeKay's appartment, there is only about 10 or 15 pla more besides the insects which are not ~~[illegible]~~ touched —

Shall you visit the City soon? if not I will take a day next week & visit you & bring all the proofs I have —

Please write me & oblige yrs truly

Geo Endicott

May 20th N York

Dr Torrey

Dear Sir

Your favor was rec^d yesterday. I intended to have written you before, as to my removal, &c but had nothing of a particular nature to say and being in daily expectation of seeing you—

Gov. Bouck has, I believe given to J. H. Hall a contract to do some work hereafter to be done i.e. the Fossils & an Agricultural report to be put together by Emmons. But no mention is made in his contract of any thing except what is in Hall & Emmons hands— You had better send to me what drawings you have— and then write to him something rather indefinite as to what you may have in future, if you should have any— I will consider your work done that may be in my hands and run my own risk of payment— and you of course are to know no change till the Gov. B answers your letter, and gives you information that you are to send your drawings to Hall instead of me— As to "the unrivalled artist" in the "bottanical" line he has lived for four or five years in this City and I never knew that he drew on Stone atall, He is a painter of Lions and Cats heads and you may judge of Halls Confidence in either his

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artists or his own ability by the fact that he was here last week and proposed to sell me his contract — on account of ill health! We could not agree upon a price he wanted more bonus than he was willing to guarantee the work to amount to — He will get very little as neither of the Gentlemen at Albany have any confidence in his ability to perform his work —

It is understood by all parties that I am to finish the work I have in hand which includes your work as I understand it unless the Govr should give you special direction — I want to commence the coloring at once — am going on with DeKays and mean to do all as quietly as possible and in mean time shall purchase Halls contract if I can which will clinch the whole matter —

Dr DeKay went up week before last and got his pay. — You can do the same but Emmons and all think you had better get some of your work in the printers hands first and then you may go boldly —

Dr Emmons was here yesterday and has gone with his family to Oyster bay to spend a short time

Let me have all the drawings you can at once

Yrs truly

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